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Mayor Healy and the Municipal Council Celebrate Black History Month and the 100th Anniversary of the NAACP

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the **Municipal Council**, and the **Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Cultural Affairs** presented month-long celebrations in honor of **Black History Month** and will close out with a program commemorating the **100th Anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)** from **6 to 9 p.m., Friday, February 27, 2009**, at **City Hall Council Chambers, 280 Grove Street**.

“I am extremely honored to recognize the accomplishments of one of the oldest and largest civil rights organizations in America. The NAACP has continued to build and grow on the collective courage of people of all races, nationalities, and faiths united on the one premise that all men and women are created equal,” said **Mayor Healy**. “The NAACP continues to be a voice for change and equality for disenfranchised people everywhere.”

Co-hosted by the **Jersey City Chapter of the NAACP**, the program will feature special performances by the **Orient Church of God, Winn Productions, Timothy Wilson, and Choice**. Featured speakers will be **Mayor Healy, Deputy Mayor Kabili Tayari, Councilwoman Viola Richardson, State Senator Sandra B. Cunningham**, and other respected dignitaries.

Formed in 1909, by a multiracial group of progressive thinkers, the NAACP is a non-profit organization established with the objective of insuring the political, educational, social and economic equality of minority groups. Its mission is to eliminate racial hatred and discrimination.

Those interested in learning more about the African-American experience and contributions, or wishing to become better acquainted with Black History Month, and our shared past and heritage, are encouraged to visit the Jersey City website at www.jerseycitynj.gov or the Afro-American Historical and Cultural Society Museum, located on the second floor of the Greenville Branch of the Jersey City Public Library, at 1841 Kennedy Boulevard.

For more information, contact the **Division of Cultural Affairs at 201-547-6921**.

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